

# *Proclamation*

Good fathering during infancy, childhood and adolescence contributes to the development of emotional security and has overwhelmingly positive psychological and economic benefits for children, families, communities, and our state.

Keiki with fathers who are involved caregivers and “emotionally present,” grow up to be more empathetic and compassionate adults than those whose fathers were silent or absent.

Children and teens of fathers who make time for daily family meals and regular family activities have higher self-esteem and healthier social skills, and show decreases in high risk behavior, teen pregnancies, drug and alcohol abuse.

Fathers who help with homework, attend parent-teacher conferences, and volunteer for school activities are more likely to have children who enjoy school, have effective friendships, get good grades, participate in extracurricular activities, and achieve career goals.

The Hawai`i Coalition for Dads is comprised of individuals active in public and private organizations. Together they share information about services, increase community awareness of the importance of fathers, and support public policies that promote involved, nurturing and responsible fatherhood.

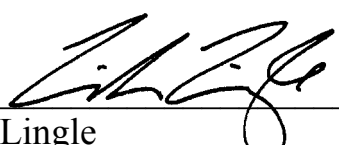
The Hawai`i Coalition for Dads will sponsor the “*Celebrating Fathers*” events at Pearlridge Center on June 10, 2006 and Windward Mall on June 17, 2006. These events will provide useful information, parent-child interactive exercises, and educational material for parents and their children.

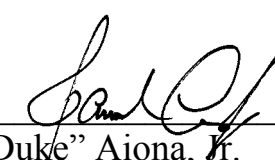
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE**, Governor of the State of Hawai`i, and **I, JAMES R. “DUKE” AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim June 2006, to be

## **FATHER’S MONTH**

in the Aloha State, and urge all of our citizens to participate in Father’s Month activities and to support the year-round efforts of the Hawai`i Coalition for Dad’s and the State Commission on Fatherhood.

**Done** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai`i, this first day of June, 2006.

  
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Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai`i

  
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James R. “Duke” Aiona, Jr.  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai`i